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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

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☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. ☐ With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box II).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box III).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant. ✓
☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
☒ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority. ✓

6. With regard to the **drawings**,

- a. the figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1 ✓
☒ as suggested by the applicant. ✓
☐ as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
☐ as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.
b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

A container for gifts or the like, of the type that is used for association with a food package, in particular, to be inserted in a chocolate egg, comprises two half-shells (2, 4) which can be coupled mouth to mouth and with which are associated connection means (12, 16) that can be mutually engaged in order to keep the two half-shells connected to one another; the connection means are preferably of the buckle type with a male element (12) integral with one half-shell and a female element (16) integral with the other half-shell, the male and female elements being mutually engageable.

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 B65D8/00 B65D8/04 A23G1/00 A23G3/00 B65D43/16

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Y	page 1, line 5 - line 36; figure 1	8-11
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